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## BOOK REVIEWS



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**THE MODERN HOSPITAL: ITS INSPIRATION; ITS ARCHITECTURE; ITS EQUIPMENT; ITS OPERATION.** By John A. Hornsby, M.D., Secretary Hospital Section, American Medical Association, Member American Hospital Association, etc., and Richard E. Schmidt, Architect, Fellow American Institute of Architects. Octavo Volume of 644 pages, with 207 illustrations. Price, \$7.00, cloth; \$8.50, half morocco. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London.

The modern hospital forms a big subject, even if but one of its five divisions, as given in the sub-title, forms the text of the book. In this one we have the last work on each, and it makes a book of exceeding interest to all who are engaged in hospital work. It discusses the hospital from roof to cellar and sewer, every detail of construction, of equipment and furnishing, each personality in its management, from the president of the board of directors down to the helper in the scullery. The purchase of supplies and food, the arrangement of menus, the cost of maintaining patients, the running of the laundry, are only a few of the divisions, all of which are treated in the most minute detail. There is nothing slighted, and many surprising and unlooked-for topics are included under the heading of "Modern Hospital."

**THE PEOPLE'S MEDICAL GUIDE.** By John Grimshaw, M.D., B.S. (Lond.), D.P.H. (Cambridge), M.R.C.S. (England), author of "Reflections on Ophthalmic Work in the Army," "Eye-Strain and Eyesight," "Your Child's Health," "The Medical Care of the School Child," etc. Price, \$3.00. The MacMillan Company, New York.

The book contains "Points for the Patient," "Notes for the Nurse," "Matter for the Medical Adviser," "Succour for the Sufferer," and "Precepts for the Public;" so declares the author, whom one immediately suspects of being one of those nimbly-minded folk who like to stir up mischief which no one finds easy to undo. The book does not come under the head of preventive medicine or nursing, and it would seem to this reviewer hardly wise to give to lay people permission to make diagnosis and apply treatment as it does, seeing that in these branches of applied knowledge the saying "A little learning is a dangerous thing"

carries a meaning of paramount importance. Then, too, there is an implication of disloyalty to the author's own profession in his act of constituting the people their own guide in matters of which they are necessarily ignorant.

**ELEMENTARY BACTERIOLOGY AND PROTOZOÖLOGY: THE MICROBIOLOGICAL CAUSES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.** By Herbert Fox, M.D., Director William Pepper Laboratory of Clinical Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania; Pathologist to the Zoölogical Society of Philadelphia. Price, \$1.50. Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia and New York.

This book is designed to meet the requirements of the nurse and beginner of the study of bacteriology; dwelling on the nature of microörganisms and their relation to disease rather than biological differentiation, etc. The nurse is shown how bacteria pass from individual to individual, the carriers they employ, the manner in which they enter the body and their means of exit, the length of time the infection remains active, and many other things of interest. The directions for procuring and preparing specimens for bacteriologic examination and the laboratory technique for the culture of microörganisms, sterilization, and the destruction of bacteria by chemical agents form the main part of the first five chapters. The relation of bacteria to disease and to immunity in general is next considered, following which come the acute and chronic infections, the various pathogenic bacteria not associated with a specific clinical disease, and, lastly, the diseases due to protozoa, closing with those diseases of unknown etiology, such as smallpox, scarlet fever, hydrophobia, measles, mumps.

**HYGIENE OF THE NURSERY**, including the General Regimen and Feeding of Infants and Children; Massage and Domestic Management of the Ordinary Emergencies of Early Life. By Louis Starr, M.D., LL. D. Eighth Edition. 26 illustrations. Price, \$1.00. P. Blakiston's Sons, 1012 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

Completely revised and brought up to date, this old friend only needs to be mentioned as appearing in a new edition. The book has been previously reviewed in these pages.

**THE OPERATING ROOM AND THE PATIENT.** By Russell S. Fowler, M.D., Chief Surgeon First Division, German Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y. Third Edition. Octavo volume, 611 pages, with 212 illustrations. Price, \$3.50. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London.

This book, which has been reviewed in these pages in its two earlier editions, comes to us entirely rewritten and much enlarged. All the newer methods of operating-room technique are introduced.